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- 1. THE OUTPOURING OF ENTHUSIASM OVER THE ELECTION OF GOVERNOR CARTER CONTINUED NOVEMBER 4. MANY GREEKS ARE QUICK TO MAKE THEIR PLEASURE KNOWN TO AMERICANS OVER CARTER'S VICTORY AND THE PRESS EXUDES SATISFACTION.
- 2. IN ADDITION TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS' MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS (ATHENS 11769), PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION LEADER GEORGE MAVROS ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT A NEW DAWN WAS COMING IN GREEK-U.S. RELATIONS. PASOK LEADER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, HOWEVER, ISSUED A JAUNDICED COMMENTARY
 WHICH DISMISSED HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN'S

HOPEFUL EXPECTATIONS OF U.S. POLICY AS AN ILLUSION AND ANNOUNCED THAT "TURKISH CHAUVISISM GUIDED BY U.S. IMPERIALISM" CONTINUES TO MENACE THE COUNTRY.

3. THE PRESS, WITH THE EXCEPTION ONLY OF THE COMMUNIST PAPERS, CONTINUED ITS POSITIVE HEADLINES AND EDITORIALS (E.G. LEFTIST, ANTI-AMERICAN ELEFTHEROTYPIA "HOPE IN ATHENS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANXIETY IN ANKARA") THOUGH TODAY THERE IS ALSO AN ADDED

ELEMENT OF RESERVE WHETHR PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S PRCEIVED GOOD INTENTIONS TOWARDS GREECE WILL PREVAIL AGAINST SUCH FACTORS AS "PERMANENT INTERESTS" AND THE "BUREAUCRACY." KUBISCH

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